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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

F. M. Keel of Kirksville has a rifle which belonged to Daniel Boone.

The last census shows only two negro residents of Texas county out of a total of 21,458.

It was the trial costs that will keep a Boone county man in jail for twenty days in expiration of a \$1 fine.

Kansas City is making a new record. More than 500 divorce cases have been heard this term or are awaiting trial.

A woman at Webb City has the record of having three husbands and but one mother-in-law, the husbands being brothers.

A Sedalia German-American is said to have nine brothers and eighteen nephews fighting for the kaiser in the present war.

May 3rd has been set apart as Missouri day at the Panama-Pacific expositions which opens at San Francisco next March.

The credit of Springfield is so good that a Kansas City trust company has just written offering to renew a \$70,000 loan which will fall due January 8.

John Iman of Trenton is the owner of a gun 105 years old. The gun was the property of Mr. Iman's grandfather, who used it in hunting deer and bear.

After holding office in Boone county for more than 80 years, J. T. Stockton, for the last sixteen years a justice of the peace, has announced he will back away from the trough.

Clad in flimsy raincoat, a suffragette Santa Claus sustained painful burns when she got too near a schoolhouse Christmas tree in Livingston county. A more man came to the rescue.

Can it be that the "Red Onion Restaurant" at Altonport has passed from the positive to the comparative degree? The place has changed hands and is now known as the "Wilder Cafe."

From a ninety-foot well on his property at Crane, A. M. Wiley occasionally draws up blind fish. Mr. Wiley's latest catch in the bucket consisted of two snow-white catfish, both sightless.

Five persons at one time in the killing record of a Chicago & Alton engineer who has just run over his twenty-fourth victim. In every instance inquiries have proved the engineer blameless.

A Thayer man claims that he stepped on a rolling pin in his home a few days ago and fell and injured his head. When men are hurt with rolling pins tradition has it that another method is used.

Mrs. R. C. Marts of Moberly certainly does know beans. In a guessing match there a jar was filled with 8,375 beans, and after giving the group "once over," Mrs. Marts guessed 8,373 and won a prize.

This is an awful thing to read in these days of fresh air treatment. After getting breakfast Mrs. Chas. Stephens, of Hazel Hill, Johnson county, heard her six months old baby that she had laid to bed, very faintly and rushing to find it had smothered under the bed clothes. It died after a few gasps.

A prophet has said that the European war would end in 1917. Evidently that fellow doesn't think much of the pulling power of American prayers, remarks the Pike County-News.

Instead of saying that two hogs each weighing 580 pounds, were received, the Columbia Herald-Statesman says: "One hog weighing 580 pounds and another of the same weight were delivered."

Thomas L. Young of Gibbs was fleeced out of \$500 last Thursday in St. Louis by two men who made him believe they could win a lot of money by matching coins, and Young trusted them with the money "to win."

James Orchard, state senator from the Twenty-second Missouri district from 1896 to 1900, died at his home in Eminence after a long illness, aged 64. He was for years prominent in southern Missouri as a corporation lawyer.

More than 1-2 million persons visit annually the health resorts of the state. Of the many medicinal springs, Excelsior Springs is the most popular. It is estimated that the Clay county watering place is visited by 200,000 annually.

D. W. Cobb, an evangelist who held a meeting at Simmons last August, is under arrest, charged with passing a bogus check which Rev. J. P. Alexander of Cabool endorsed and had to pay. Cobb is charged with a similar offense at Poplar Bluff.

Among the effects of Miss Catherine Tiedale of Bowling Green the executor found a coupon from a \$50 United States bond issued in 1865. The coupon was forwarded to the treasury department, which promptly remitted \$1.82 interest.

So far there are at least three estate candidates in the field for the Democratic nomination in 1916. Keely Pool wants to be secretary of state, John P. Gordon, state auditor, and John B. O'Meara would accept the nomination for state treasurer.

A piece of ground on the farm of G. K. Worth near Whitesville was put in cultivation to corn in 1887 and has been put in corn every year since that time with the exception of two years in small grain. This year it produced about 65 bushels to the acre. It is bottom land.

"Uncle" Henry Smith, who lives northeast of Mexico, recently paid \$2,000 for a pair of black foxes that he bought in Canada. Mr. Smith intends to stock a "fox farm," and raise black foxes on an extensive scale. The price of black foxes very in price, it is said, from \$1,000 to \$1,500 apiece.

One bandit was killed and another shot and wounded severely by Leonard Humphrey, a 70-year old veteran of the Union army, when the pair attacked Humphrey in his notion store in St. Louis last month in examining candidates for admission to the bar. Mr. Mearns was there and took the examination, and on the last day of December he was notified that he had been admitted to the bar, and the next day took the oath of office as prosecuting attorney of Oregon county.

Oil prospectors in Vernon county have sunk the test hole to a depth of eleven hundred feet, the drilling being made tedious by the constant percolation of water through a stratum of very hard but porous limestone.

Rather than tell Police Judge Ward at Bethany where he got whisky, one Napoleon Sweeney stolidly accepted a sentence of sixty days in jail. The role of martyr is denied Sweeney, however, as it developed later that the liquor was an "express shipment from Kansas City."

A Ralls county man found one of his calves in the top of an apple tree the other morning with one foot wedged in the fork of a limb so tightly that he had to cut off the calf's foot to get it down and then slaughtered it for veal. How it got up the trees will always be a mystery.

In days when motor cars are fast displacing horses a quite unusual sight is a glimpse of Matt Baker of Nodaway county driving his yoke of oxen to and from market. Mr. Baker's vehicle is an old-fashioned ox cart in which he hauls supplies from Barnard, his trading point, to his home near that town.

The person who stretched a wire across the road to Macon does not stand very high in the esteem of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Teters of Kaseyville. Motoring to the county seat early one morning recently the Teterses were thrown from their car and severely bruised besides being all mused in the dirt.

The constable in a small town received by post six "Rogue's Gallery" photographs, taken in different positions, of an old offender wanted for burglary in a neighboring city. A fortnight later the constable sent this message to the city chief of police: "I have arrested five of the men and am going after the sixth tonight."

Talk about women's rights! It is man's rights we're going to have or know why! S. S. Phillips a Joplin drummer, is determined to know if innocent and guileless mankind can be jilted and left heart broken so he has sued Mrs. S. E. Craig, who runs a Joplin boarding house for \$5,000 damages for breach of promise.

It surely was bad luck for J. Albert Tucker of Mercer county when he killed the family cat. Tabby was a household favorite, and the other member of the Tucker family was prone to overlook such small misdemeanors as eating out of the gray dish at mealtime and other little liberties of like nature. Tiring of Tabby's carefree ways, J. Albert armed himself with a shotgun and ended the nine lives simultaneously. Mrs. J. Albert went home to mother and court has granted a decree of divorce.

January 11th to 15th will witness the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture. This Board is credited with having the most remarkable history of any state department or board of agriculture in the United States, it having started the movement and one of its members (Norman J. Coleman) having written the bill establishing all the land grant agricultural colleges of this nation. Mr. Coleman was for forty years a member of this board, and was the first U. S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Yes," remarked a curb-stone politician as he stood in front of postoffice basking in the sunlight this week. "If Teddy had been president instead of Woodrow Wilson, the war would have been over—over here."

At the close of the biennial period John P. Gordon, state auditor, completed his estimates of the revenue receipts of the state from all sources for the years 1915-16 and placed the total amount at 11 1-2 million dollars. This, in his opinion, is the full amount the Forty-eighth General Assembly may appropriate.

A novel idea in Gentry county was abandoned as being fraught with danger. Recently a "smiling contest" was held. Pretty girls competing for the prize at a party were to smile at the judges who were to award a box of candy to the handsomest girl of the lot. The judges lost their nerve at the first smile and, afraid to render a decision, ate the prize themselves.

Tom Whelen, of north of Farmington, one day last week, butchered a Duroc Jersey "pig" that weighed 730 pounds on foot and 813 pounds after being dressed. This last reports from the Whelen farm were that they were still busy rendering lard. Now, you big hog fellows, take down your sign. It looks like Tom's got the record and gone with it.—Farmington News.

With the confirmation of Edwin Reavis as postmaster at Sweet Springs an epoch is marked in the history of that office which has been under the care of some member of the Smith family since 1889, with the exception of the four years of the Cleveland second administration J. I. Smith the present postmaster, was named to succeed his father, who died about four years ago. The elder Smith was an appointee of President Harrison and was renamed by President McKinley and President Roosevelt.

The past year has been remarkable for some things. One was that there were comparatively few hard storms and high waters. For many days, last summer, the mercury stood at a given figure without a variation of hardly a degree, at noon time. For a long time in the spring it was uniform temperature at noon. Then it raised and remained uniform for awhile. Then it got intensely hot and remained that way for the longest time we ever saw. The heat was the most prolonged, depressing heat we ever witnessed. Then when it got cooler it was practically the same at noon for a long time. Then it dropped a few degrees and took another long stand. It was likely the hardest year to make a corn crop we have ever had. But the last of the year was unusually favorable to the farmers. And now, the new year is being ushered in with good weather, and although, times looked dark last August, yet people seemed to be complaining little and seem determined to try again. Things are in much better shape than we anticipated. Everywhere we go, we find an abundance of eat.—"P. D." in Dunklin Democrat.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the digestive and urinary tracts in both men and women. Resolves bladder troubles in minutes. If you are afflicted with any of these troubles, write for a receipt of 10¢ to the Texas Wonder Co., P. O. Box 100, Dallas, Texas, and you will receive a complete course of treatment, and a booklet on the subject of kidney and bladder troubles. This is not a case of advertisement, but a case of relief and health.

"It is a well settled fact that dogs are property, and no one has a right to kill one belonging to another, although it is found on the property of the killer, except for just cause," according to Judge Allen of the St. Louis Court of Appeals in a decision, Tuesday. The case was that of Joseph Rudicle against Merl O. Borr, both of Knox county. The record shows that Borr killed two foxhounds belonging to Rudicle. Rudicle recovered judgment for \$28, and Borr appealed. Rudicle was hunting at the time of the killing. His dogs had started a fox and the trail carried them to the Borr farm. Borr contended the dogs were chasing his sheep, and that he had placed a sign on his premises warning persons that dogs found there would be killed. Judge Allen says the evidence showed that when Borr shot the dogs they were in close pursuit of the fox. The opinion of the Knox county circuit court was affirmed, Judges Norton and Reynolds concurring.—St. Louis Times.

At the primary election in Oregon county last August, William Mesara, a young man who had been teaching school in that county, was nominated as the democratic candidate for prosecuting attorney, although he did not have a license to practice law. He defeated a lawyer who had been prosecutor of the county, and had made quite a record as an official, and defeated him by a good majority, he had no opponent at the November election, as republicans are rather scarce in Oregon county. Mr. Mesara had been reading and studying law for several years and when the state board of law examiners met last Monday. The two men one tall and the other small, entered the store and asked permission to warm themselves. After examining the store carefully they departed. Four hours later they returned and again haddled about the stove. Humphrey became suspicious and took up his revolver.

The body of Mrs. I. M. Davis was dragged from the coffin in which it lay in her home, 624 East High street, Jefferson City, Tuesday, and the casket, set ablaze from draperies which had caught fire, was thrown out of a window to prevent the house from burning. The draperies are supposed to have been ignited by a match carelessly thrown into them, while preparations were being made for the funeral. Before the flames could be extinguished the shroud was consumed and the casket was a mass of flames. While several persons were attempting to put out the fire in the draperies others pulled the body from the casket, and half lifted, half tumbled the coffin out the window by which it stood. Another casket was procured and Mrs. Davis was buried Wednesday. The body was untouched by the flames.

Mrs. Loder is Found Guilty. Seattle, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Annette Loder, who was found guilty of using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of stock of a smelting company of Alaska, was sentenced by United States District Judge Jeremiah W. Taylor to pay a fine of \$500 and costs.

Enlightened Triplets Are Born. London, Jan. 8.—Immediately after his wife had delivered him with triplet daughters, James Pedler, a bricklayer, joined the royal field artillery. He had delayed his enlistment until the children were born.

Not the Eyes. The eyes every morning by looking in the mirror are filled with tears and pain. This is not only a case of refreshment, but also a case of relief and health.

FORAGE POISONING CATTLE

The State Board of Agriculture Issues News Bulletin Regarding the Lethal Stock Disease.

The Missouri State Board of Agriculture has issued to farmers and stockmen a news bulletin as follows, quoting the latest statement by Dr. D. F. Luckey, State Veterinarian of this Board:

"Immense numbers of horses and some cattle are dying over the state at the present time. For the want of a better or more accurate name, the trouble is called 'Forage Poisoning.'"

"Cause—It is undoubtedly due to some mould on the fodder or ear corn. Other feed seldom causes the trouble. Losses are occurring among both horses and cattle, whether on corn stalk pastures or fed ear corn or shock fodder."

"Symptoms—Cattle often die suddenly without showing any well-marked symptoms. The symptoms in horses vary a good deal and the disease runs a course lasting from one to four days. They first become sluggish or sleepy and these symptoms usually pass unnoticed. Some horses lean against the wall. The animal appears to be blind in one or both eyes. Later there is well marked nervous debilitation."

"Treatment—Most of these cases are not noticed until it is too late. In the advanced stages treatment is useless. No single line of treatment will cure these cases. As soon as a case occurs, all corn and fodder should be withheld and the feed completely changed. Then administer a full dose of salts or raw linseed oil to all animals that have been eating the dangerous feed."

"Prevention—The prevention lies in putting corn up in the silo. If the silage keeps well and does not mould, there is no danger. If the silo leaks air anywhere and the silage moulds, there is still some danger. Since it is too late at this time to take advantage of this means of preventing trouble, all those who are threatened with danger will simply have to quit feeding the corn and fodder that is causing it."

COULD NOT ENFORCE ORDERS

The St. Louis Juvenile Judge to Abolish Boys' Court After a Thorough Trial.

The junior juvenile court of St. Louis, in which young lawyers acted as judges and schoolboys as police officers, has proven a failure. The court tended to make tattlers of the boys it sought to correct and will therefore be abolished. That was announced by Judge Rhodes E. Cave of the juvenile court.

The junior court was launched several months ago as an experiment to try boys for offenses not serious enough for the juvenile court. An offender could be sentenced to wash his mother's dishes, carry coal or just "be a good boy," but the junior court had no legal authority to compel fulfillment of the sentence.

"The boys were quick to see that," Judge Cave said.

Operation of the junior court and its elaborate system of boy officials was supervised by municipal probation officers and the juvenile judge.

Hyde Case Goes Over.

The fourth trial of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, charged with the murder of Thomas H. Swopa, has been continued by Judge Porterfield at Kansas City. The next setting is the first Monday in April. Doctor Hyde was in court. Mrs. Hyde was not present.

Horses Go Crazy.

The farmers in central Missouri are losing their horses from some unknown disease. The horses that have died in this locality seem to go mad and while in this condition run through fences or collide with anything in their path.

New Priest for Martinsville.

The Rev. A. J. Koehler of Kansas City has been appointed pastor of the Catholic church at Martinsville, to succeed the Rev. Conrad Pina, O. S. B., who has served as pastor of that congregation twenty-two years.

Propeller Drives Dead.

A large bob sled was driven by an aeroplane engine through the streets of Callao the other day. The construction was by Victor Grosse, a machinist and timberman of the Charlton Valley. As the craft came into town the engine was making more noise than a battery, but it was covering the roads at thirty miles an hour. The motive power was a propeller with 3-foot blades, up in the air like a windmill. A 5-cylinder aeroplane engine drove the propeller. The operator had a steering wheel like that on a motor car, which turned the forward runners.

Old Railroad Man Dead.

Dennis Sullivan, 79 years old, a retired railroad man, is dead at Sedalia. He is survived by a widow and thirteen children.